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Lancaster Man Charged with Killing Younger Sister

A Lancaster man was charged today with fatally shooting his 13-year-old sister at their home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Eddie Marcelino Alvirez (dob 6/22/01) faces one felony count each of involuntary manslaughter and discharge of firearm with gross negligence.

Case MA077021 includes allegations of personal use of a handgun and inflicting great bodily injury.

Arraignment is scheduled this afternoon in Department Ao1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Victim Marlena A. was shot to death on Aug. 13, prosecutors said. The defendant fled the scene after the shooting and turned himself in the following day.

Bail is scheduled at \$75,000. If convicted as charged, Alvirez faces a possible maximum sentence of 14 years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Diane Hong is the assigned prosecutor.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.